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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Arms Control

1. I want to develop the things expressed in this paper further, particularly on the security advantages and arms control leverage that might be developed from missile defense at MX locations. I want to do this rather broadly in terms of the likely feasibility and effectiveness of point defense, how soon it might be expected to be effective with how much certainty, what we can expect the Soviet intercontinental missile inventory to be by that time, the degree to which MX missile defense would reduce the value of increments in the present Soviet force, and the prospects for developing missile reduction agreements with the leverage this might provide. I'd appreciate it if you could enlist the right people to take a look at this.

2. The attached is a paper I left with the President after I discussed with him the relationship between deterrence, missile defense and arms control. He expressed an interest that this be explored a little further and I'd like to see it both developed a little further and critiqued.

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